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## **News**

#### T22T Tuvalu -update September 21

T22T currently on air (0840z) with 4 stations so far. Bad news: 160, 80, 40m likely not possible thus far (from 4 different hotels) – noise level on those bands is S9+60dB. Team will try to find solution tomorrow (Sept 22). More updates later..

#### **ZD9W Trsitan da Cunha -update September 20**

MV Lance is approximately half way to Tristan da Cunha. Apparently, Yuris had seasickness during the first days of the trip. Now he feels OK. Internet is available for short text messages every 2nd day for a short time.



#### **ZL7IO Chatham Islands -update September 21**

Yesterday was a very calm day here and we managed to erect the 80m vertical. We had to deviate from the original plan. The inner tube joiners we planned to use did not work as expected. They bend with the top weight. We used a lighter fishing road on the top now and managed to reach 15m total height (11m aluminium tube). The top guy ropes got three meters of wire attached as a capacitive head. The bad news is the noise level on 80m – sticks out from all other bands with an S7 noise level (otherwise it is whisper quiet here).

I really struggle to dig out the stations from the noise. Most CW QSO's on 80 were with AS/NA/OC. But, in FT8 I managed 50 EU's during their grey line. Our friends in HL/JA asked to call around 3547 kHz as they have limited access areas on 80m. I'm happy to accomodate this and will be tonight on 3547 kHz FT8 FH mode. Again call above 1000 Hz in FT8 or I can't pick you! <a href="https://www.dx-world.net/zl7io-chatham-islands/">https://www.dx-world.net/zl7io-chatham-islands/</a>

#### **Amateur Radio Dxpeditions (ARD)**

During the ARD Annual Meeting, that has been held online on the 26 th of August 2023, a new Amateur Radio DXpeditions board has been elected as following:

Chairman: Gjermund Bringsvor, LB5GI Board member: Erwann Merrien, LB1QI Board member: Rune Øye, LA7THA

Message from the Chairman at the Annual Meeting: "Thank you to the outgoing board members for the significant work done. We now must also look forward to new projects. All together we will try to make this non-profit organisation a good tool to conduct dxpeditions and help each other to execute DXpeditions."

Amateur Radio DXpedition is already working at a next DXpedition project and will communicate as soon as practicable on the targeted DXCC. The important for us is to have fun and help the amateur radio community enjoy the hobby. <a href="https://www.ardxpeditions.com/">https://www.ardxpeditions.com/</a>

# **DXCC**

### This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <a href="https://www.dx-world.net/">https://www.dx-world.net/</a> for updates.

**Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH** 

KH2, GUAM September 16-30 as KH2/call

V7, MARSHALL ISL October 3-15 (call pending)

V6, MICRONESIA October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**3D2, ROTUMA** Darren, VK4MAP is QRV as 3D2RAT until September 29. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call.

**4U/ITU, ITU GENEVA** Several radio amateurs are part of the delegations currently involved in various events at ITU Geneva until September 29. Look for 4U1ITU during their spare time. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

**4W, TIMOR LESTE** Satoshi, JH2EUV is active during his spare time until October 13. Operation from 80 to 6 meter and also in use is a dipole for 15m/40m installed on the roof of his QTH. Satoshi will operate throughout his stay during spare time, but stresses he does have difficulty with TVI on some bands, the same as he had before. QSL via LoTW.

**6W, SENEGAL** Elvira, IV3FSG will once again be operating as 6W/call between September 26 and October 16. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW.

**A2, BOTSWANA** Sajid, VA3QY is QRV until October 8 as A22EW from 20 to 10 meter and possibly 6 meter. QSL via eQSL.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Vincent, K6VVK will once again be QRV between September 25 and October 6. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

**HV, VATICAN CITY** Fabio, I4UFH will be operating as HV0A on September 23. QRV on HF using SSB. QSL via IK0FVC, LoTW.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ/JD1 is once again operating on HF using CW with some FT8. QRV until end October. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

KH2, GUAM On September 21, the team from Weno Island (below) will be QRV from Guam as NH8A/NH2 SSB, AH0F/KH2 CW, AH0FM/KH2 FM/SSB, AH2CW SSB/CW, KB6O/KH2 SSB/FT8 and as NN2F/KH2 SSB.

**OHO, ALAND ISL** Look for OHORY during the CQ WW RTTY DX contest, outside the contest they will be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. Operation until September 30. QSL via Club Log.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Gab, HA3JB is operating as PJ2/call until September 26. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included. QSL via home call OORS.

**T2, TUVALU** The Rebel DX Group is active as T22T until October 9. Plans are to have up to ten stations QRV on 160-6m FT8 (seven stations operating either F/H and normal mode), CW (two stations) and SSB (one station). QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**T32, EAST KIRIBATI** Ken, KH6QJ is once again operating as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge until October 17. Operation on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. **VK9L, LORD HOWE ISL** Bob W7YAQ and Al K7AR are operating as VK9LAA until October 4. An entry in the CQWW RTTY contest is included. Operation from 160 to 6 meter. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or via W7YAQ.

**XZ, MYANMAR** Akio, JE2QIZ is operating as XZ2B from Yangon until end September. QRV on 15, 12, 10 and 6 meter using CW. QSL via JH3SIF.

**ZA, ALBANIA** Antonis, SV1ENG will be active as ZA/call between September 22 and October 1. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using mostly CW, FT4/8 with some SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**ZA, ALBANIA** Burkhard, DL3KZA is active again as ZA/call. Length of stay is unknown. Activity from 40 to 17 meter using mainly FT8. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

**ZA, ALBANIA** Chris, OE6VCG is active as ZA/call from Shkoder until October 1. Operation using FT4/8 and JT65. QSL via LoTW and home call.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** Yuris YL2GM will be operating as ZD9W between September 24 and October 22. A solo activity, you can find out full details including bands and modes by visiting the ZD9W page. DX-World will also regularly update on this activity once it begins.

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** Look for Holger ZL3IO until September 29 as ZL7IO. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. An entry in the CQ WW RTTY contest is included. QSL via DK7AO, LoTW, Club Log.



# **Coming up soon**

**5W, SAMOA** Livio 9A7Y, Mladen 9A2NA, Borut S50B and Rolando 9A3MR will be active as 5W0LM between October 1 and October 14. Operation from 1.8 to 50 Mhz using CW, SSB and FT8. QTH is Malololelei near Apia. QSL via 9A3MR and LoTW.

**5X, UGANDA** The Czech DX Team (OK1BOA, OK1FCJ, OK6DJ and OK2ZA) will be active as 5X3K between September 29 and October 7. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. OSL via OK6DJ, LoTW and Club Log OORS.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Look for TX6D (DL7DF, DK1BT, DL4WK, DL6SAK, DL7BO and DL7UFR) from Tahiti between October 2 and October 15. Activity from 160 to 10 meter (60 meter also) using CW, SSB and digi. <a href="http://www.dl7df.de/fo/">http://www.dl7df.de/fo/</a>

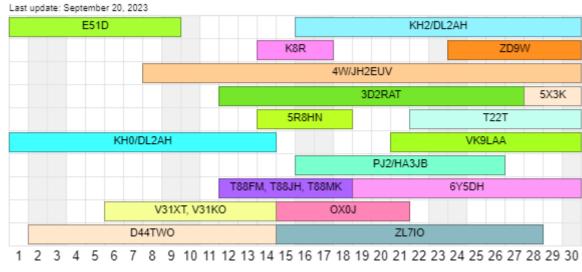
**J8, GRENADINES** Brian, GW4DVB will once again be active as J88PI from October 2 until October 10. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. <a href="https://www.g4dvb.co.uk/">https://www.g4dvb.co.uk/</a>

KH8, SWAINS ISL The W8S DXpedition to Swains Island is now set to take place on October 4 - 17. The team (DJ9RR, DL2AMD, DL6JGN, KO8SCA, NG7M, PA2KW, PA3EWP, PA4WM, PA5X and PG5M) will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY on all bands with six stations from two operating sites. "Due to Covid and the global economic situation, our costs have increased considerably compared to 2020", PA3EWP says. The total cost has increased to EUR 125,000, and donations will be gratefully accepted.

**T32, CHRISTMAS ISL** Bert, CX3AN will be active as T32AN between October 4 and October 11. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via EB7DX.

# **DXCC Timeline**

# WORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE



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### This week on air

#### **AFRICA**

**AS-090 Taeijak Isl** Look for DS1TUW/2 on September 23-24 from 40 to 6 meter using CW and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

#### **EUROPE**

**Road trip by Chris OE6CUD** 

**EU-033 Vesteralen** 

EU-046 Senja

EU-055 Vaeroy

**EU-076 Lofoten** 

Look for Chris from these islands until end October. Operation as LA/call on HF and QO-100. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

**EU-028 Elba** Domenico IK1MNF is active as call/IA5 until end September. Operation from 20 to 6 meter. The equipment consists of verticals and a FinnFet-PA. QSL via home call.

**EU-047 Norderney Isl** John, AG7N is active in 'holiday-style' as DL/call until September 23. Operation mainly on 20 meter using CW. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

**EU-125 Fano Isl** Dieter DF2SD is once again QRV from Fano as OV9R until September 30. To celebrate the reactivation Dieter acquired his own Danish license as OV9R. Operation in 'holiday-style' with an entry in the CQWW RTTY contest (September 23-24). <a href="INTEREST GROUP RTTY">INTEREST GROUP RTTY</a> Home (ig-ry.de)

**EU-138 Hano Isl** Frank, DH0JAE is active as SM/call until September 24. QRV on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log or via home call.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-217 White Isl** Mark, K1RX is QRV as K1W until September 25, depending the WX. Operation on 40 and 20 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-042 Luzon Isl** Mike, W6QT is active as DU3/call until end January 2024. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and digi.

**OC-067 Huahine Isl** Didier, F6BCW is operating as FO/call from Huahine Island OC-067. Activity until October from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call and LoTW. **OC-195 Deal Isl** Through his work, John VK1POR is now active from Deal island (Furneaux

Islands) OC-195 until December 1. He uses an IC-7300 and prefers digimodes. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, QRZ.

# Coming up soon

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-042 Pellworm Isl** Markus, DJ4EL will be QRV as call/P from September 29 until October 4. QSL via Club Log. <a href="https://twitter.com/i/flow/login?redirect\_after\_login=%2Frapanuiman">https://twitter.com/i/flow/login?redirect\_after\_login=%2Frapanuiman</a>

Back in time...Johnston Island 2001 operation



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Announced DX

### THE NEWCOMERS

**5H, TANZANIA** Maurizio, IK2GZU will be back as 5H3MB from November 8 until December 8. He will work as a volunteer at the Ikelu hospital. Operation during his spare time on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call bureau or direct, LoTW.

**J6, ST LUCIA** A team with J68HZ, J69DS, WA4PGM and W0CN will be active as J62K during the CQWW SSB contest (October 28-29). QSL via K9HZ.

JW, SVALBARD Look for LA6VM as JW6VM, LA7XK as JW7XK and LA9DL as JW9DL between October 6 and October 11. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

**TY, BENIN** Gerard F5NVF, Abdel 7X2TT and Luc F5RAV will be active as TY5C from Cotonou during March 2024. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. They are looking for support for the local radio club TY0HQ.

### THE REMINDERS

**3B8, MAURITIUS** David, OK6DJ will be operating as 3B8/call between February 20 and February 27, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and FT8 using a vertical and dipole antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** Kazu, M0CFW (JK3GAD) will once again be active as 3B9KW during the CQWW CW contest (November 25-26). Activity before/after contest (November 19 to December 1) as 3B9/M0CFW. QSL via LoTW.

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** Ivan, IK3ZAQ and Luca IV3JVJ will be QRV as 3B9AT between December 7 and January 6, 2024. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IV3JVJ, LoTW.



**4W, TIMOR LESTE** A large team of 20+ operators will be operating as 4W8X in November 2023. Operation 24/7 on all bands using CW, SSB and digi. Also EME 144Mhz, 432Mhz and 1296 Mhz. An entry in the CQWW DX CW contest is included. 4W8X will have a 80m 4-Square (controller and cables sponsored by DXEngineering, many thanks). 160m will use a well-proven Titanex V160 Vertical with extensive Radials. Both antennas as close to the ocean as possible. For Receiving, we'll have two Beverages (~250m long) plus filtering/switching network to listen in four directions, independently on 160m and 80m: Europe (short path), North America (short path) Africa, same as North America (long path), South America, same as Europe (long path) 4W8X will also have two 40m 4-Squares and two 30m 4-Squares, TNX to DXEngineering. We'll not only have the equipment, we'll also have the right operators to make the best out of it. Low Band captain is Dietmar, DL3DXX. And we have quite some other Low Band freaks in the team. **5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group are off to Abuja, Nigeria after their Tuvalu DXpedition. They have requested the callsign 5N5N. Three ops with up to 10 stations; 160-6m, mainly CW & FT8. Dates will be announced soon.

**5U, NIGER** The F6KOP DXpedition postponed their plans due to the situation in Niger. As in every year the team will be composed of a dozen operators of various nationalities. We will be active on as many authorized bands and modes including QO-100. Detailed information will be provided later. Please note that F6KOP was initially supposed to go to Guyana (8R) in October. But in order not to short-circuit the young German operators who have announced they will be going there at the beginning of 2024, we have chosen to change our destination.

**5X, UGANDA** Thomas, DL7BO will be active as 5X7O from Kampala. Dates not yet known. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DJ6TF. More to follow. **7P, LESOTHO** The EIDXG team will after the success of 9N7EI, 7Q7EI, 5V7EI and V26EI now be operating as 7P8EI in early 2024. A team of 15 will be QRV from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via M00XO. More to follow.

**8R, GUYANA** "Four young ambitious DXers ranging in age from 20 to 25 years old" (namely Sven DJ4MX, Philipp DK6SP, Tomi HA8RT and Jamie M0SDV) will be active from Guyana during February 14-24, 2024 (callsign TBA). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. QSL via M00XO's OQRS and LoTW. The Northern California DX Foundation will provide \$5,000 in financial support for the expedition, as they "want to encourage the next generation of DXpeditioners". NCDXF wants also "to let any planned DXpedition know that, if they request funding from NCDXF and we provide a grant, we will also underwrite the costs of a younger (ages 20-35) person/s on the trip". <a href="https://8r-2024.com/">https://8r-2024.com/</a>

**9L, SIERRA LEONE** Shabu, M0KRI will be operating as 9L5M from November 23 until December 6. Activity from 80 to 6 meter, Q0100 SAT using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via G3SVK, LoTW and Club Log.

**9U, BURUNDI** Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpedition in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

**C6, BAHAMAS** Jay, WA1JAY will be operating as call/C6A between November 5-10 from Paradise Island. Activity from 40 to 10 meter on FM, SATS, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or Club Log. **CEOZ, JUAN FERNANDEZ** A team with Nick XQ1KZ, Pablo CE1KV, Willy XQ3SA, Willy XQ3SK,

Mike AB5EB, Ez HI3R, Otis NP4G, Zoli HA1AG, Trey N5KO and Marco CE1EW (Team Leader) will be operating as CB0ZA during February 13-20, 2024. Plans are to be QRV from the Juan Fernandez National Park CA-0022 from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, digi and EME (6 and 2 meter). QSL via HA1AG. http://cb0za.com/



CY9, ST PAUL ISL The CY0S team, along with members of the previous CY9C DXpeditions, is pleased to announce their plans to go back to St Paul Island CY9, in July/August 2024. Access to St Paul Island is only available in the two months of July and August. The larger, main island (Atlantic Cove site) is controlled by the Canadian Wildlife Service and is off-limits. DXpeditions can only be set up on the much smaller "Northeast" Island (Rock!). The CY9C team will once again have a helicopter available to access the Northeast Island as there is no dock or landing area for a boat. Much more information, including a website, will be available later this year and into 2024. E5, NORTH COOK ISL Janusz, SP9FIH will be active as E51JAN from Manihiki (OC-014) from 12 October to 6 November. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. https://e5n.dxpedtions.org/ **E6, NIUE** Michael, DF8AN will be operating as E6AJ between November 3 and November 10. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW and digi in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call. E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the Dxpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau. FH, MAYOTTE The F6KOP team will be operating as TO8FH between October 10 and October 22. 12 Operators will be QRV from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100. <a href="https://to8fh.wordpress.com/">https://to8fh.wordpress.com/</a> FH, MAYOTTE Marek, FH4VVK will be operating as TO4VV during March 29-31, April 5-7, April 12-14 and April 20-21, 2024. Operation using SSB and FT8. QSL direct, LoTW or Club Log. FM, MARTINIQUE FM5BH, FM5FJ, F5VHJ and M0MHQ (JA0JHQ)will be active from Martinique as TO5A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29, 2023). QRV in M/2 Category. QSL: USA SASE via WA6WPG. Others via F5VHJ, LoTW, OQRS, REF Bureau. FOO, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX5G between March 25 and April 3,

FOO, CLIPPERTON ISL The Perseverance DX Group is planning a major DXpedition to Clipperton Island during January 18 and February 2, 2024. Plan is to be QRV as TX5S between 160 and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. It has been 11 years since the last activation. Team members include: Jacky ZL3CW, Dave K3EL, Steve W1SRD, Ricardo PY2PT, Gene K5GS, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR, Walt N6XG, Rob N7QT, Glenn KE4KY, Chris N6WM, Arliss W7XU, Philippe FO4BM, Dave WD5COV and Andreas N6NU. Joining the team will be a scientist from the University of French Polynesia who will conduct studies while on the island. <a href="https://clip.pdxg.net/">https://clip.pdxg.net/</a>

2024. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW.

https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/

**FO/M MARQUESAS ISL** A large team with F6BCW, F6EEQ, F6FMC, F6HBI, F5VHQ, F5JRX, F5LRL, F4ISZ and F1MNQ will be active as TX7L from Hiva Oa Island during November 4-19. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT4/8 and RTTY with 4 stations. QSL via F6EXV or Club Log OQRS.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Philip, K0CD will be QRV s FS/call during the CQWW CW contest. Perhaps he might be active a few days before and after the contest. QSL via home call. **FT/G GLORIOSO ISL** Mark, FH4VVK will be active from Grande Glorieuse, Glorioso Islands as FT4GL later this year. Support team: F5IRO, F8CRS, F5RQQ. QSL via F4FTV. Check QRZ.com for further updates. A website is under construction.

FT/X, KERGUELEN It's apparently no secret that Thierry F6CUK of FT8WW fame plans (emphasis on plans) to go with a second operator to the Kerguelen Islands in late 2024. Wait and see for more..

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19,the TO5T DXpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <a href="http://www.to5t.com/">http://www.to5t.com/</a>

**FS, ST MARTIN** The next TO9W will take place from November 26 until December 8. The 2023 team includes K9NU, N9EP, FS4WBS, W9AP and K9EL. Operation on all bands and all modes with focus on low bands and CW. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Real-time upload via Club Log, LoTW or via W9ILY direct. <a href="https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm">https://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm</a>

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** Jacky ZL3CW will be operating as FW2CW during November 20-30. It's a CW only operation with focus on the WARC bands. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

On the scene...ZL7IO Chatham Islands



**H4, SOLOMON ISL** A team of Washington State amateur radio operators will be active as H44WA in March 2024. More to follow. <a href="http://www.h44wa.com/">http://www.h44wa.com/</a>

**H40, TEMOTU** The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpedition to Temotu Province as H40WA between October 26 and November 9. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. <u>Temotu 2023 DXpedition – Intrepid DX Group (intrepid-dx.com)</u>

J3, GRENADA A team of Belgian low band DXers with Franky ON7RU, Marc ON4MA and Karel ON5TN will be QRV during March 4-16, 2024. Operation from 160 to 10 meter. More to follow. J7, DOMINICA Laurent, FM5BH will once again be QRV as J79BH between January 17 and January 24. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW, Club Log. At the same time, David F8AAN will be joining Laurent as J79AN. QSL via Club Log. J8, ST VINCENT Gert, PA2LO will once again be QRV as J8TT between December 26 and January 5. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Look for JD1BQP from Chichijima between October 26 and November 2. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included, outside the contest active from 160 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call direct.

**P4, ARUBA** John, W2GD will once again be active as P40W between October 24 and October 30. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Outside the contest focus on WARC bands and 160 CW. QSL via LoTW or N2MM.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** PJ4/K4BAI, PJ4/KU8E, PJ4/N8VW and PJ4/K3MD will be active during November 21-28. An entry in the CQWW CW contest (Nov 25-26) as PJ4A is included. QSL: PJ4A, PJ4/K4BAI & PJ4/KU8E via K4BAI. Others via homecalls.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA between March 2 and March 10, 2024. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS. PJ7, ST MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV in 'holiday-style' between November 20-29 as PJ7EE. Activity on HF primarily on CW using a vertical antenna. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

**PYOT, TRINDADE** Fabio PY1ZV, Stephano PT2IC and Breto PY6RT will be QRV as PR0Y no later than November 2023. Operation for 3 or 4 days with 2 stations using CW, SSB and FT8. Due to the difficulty in getting to the remote island, as well as the rigorous protocols for authorization of travel there, since the place constitutes an environmental protection area with fairly restricted visits, the activation of the island is a rare event. The last DXpedition to Trindade took place in 2015 (PQ0T). From then on, the island remains devoid of activity. <a href="http://www.pr0t.com.br/home/PZ">http://www.pr0t.com.br/home/PZ</a>, **SURINAME** Renato, PY8WW will be active as PZ5TW between October 25 and November 3. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. QSL via home call.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** A team with G3WPH, G4IRN, G4PVM and GD4XUM will be active S79K during the CQWW DX CW contest (November 25-26). Outside contest active as S79/homecalls.



**T2, TUVALU** The German DXpedition Team will be operating as T2C between October 10 and October 30. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DL4SVA and LoTW. DXpedition Tuvalu T2C - 2023 - Welcome (mydx.de)

**T8, PALAU** Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be QRV as T88PB during November 10-13. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. An entry in the JIDX contest is included. QSL via home call

**TJ, CAMEROON** The MDXC DXpedition team will be operating as TJ9MD during November 2 and November 15. The 13 skilled operators of the expeditionary team IZ8CCW, IZ2GNQ, F6IRA, OK2WX, AG4W, DL8JJ, IZ4COW, IU3PMA, HB9DHG, HB9TOC, ON7RN, IK5BOH and IZ4UEZ will be QRV round the clock from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. EME will be tried also. More to follow.

**V4, ST KITTS and NEVIS** Bob, WX4G will be active as V47RB between November 20 and December 1. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included as V48A. Operation outside the contest from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Gunter DK2WH will be active as V51WH from November 16 until April 2024. QTH near Omaruru. Operation from 160 to 10 meter, 60 also included. During contests look for Gunter as V55Y.

**V6, MICRONESIA** A team with DL2AWG, DK2AMM, DL2AMD and DF4GV will be active from Chuuk Isl OC-011 as V6EU between November 15 and November 28. Activity from 160 to 10 meter with perhaps 60 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DL2AWG, Club Log, LoTW.

V6, MICRONESIA Miki, JJ2CJB will be operating as V63CB during the CQWW SSB contest (Oct 28-29). QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL Chris, GM3WOJ and Keith, GM4YXI (both previously A35V, V6Z, VK9CZ, ZK2V) will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XGM during November 21 to December 5, 2023. Two stations active on SSB/CW. Also one station active on FT8 or FT4. Multi-two entry in the CQWW CW Contest 2023. 'VK9XGM will be running two separate stations. How we divide our activity between CW, SSB and FT4/8 will depend on a number of factors including conditions, QSO balances and operator fatique!'

VP2M, MONTSERRAT Thaire, W2APF will once again be active as VP2MDX between January 11 and April 11, 2024. Operation on HF using BuddiPole portable Hexbeam, Doublet for 30M, Endfed for 40M. QSL via home call,LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl sometime June 2024. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

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VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

VP9, BERMUDA Darrell, AB2E will once again be QRV as call/VP9 between February 14-19, 2024. Operation primarily in the ARRL DX CW contest. Before and after that from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

XW, LAOS A French team with F4BKV Vincent, F4HAU Diego, F2DX Patrick, F5PTM Pascal and F8AVK Julien will be operating as XW4DX. Activity between November 16 and November 27 with possible an entry in the CQWW CW contest. QRV on HF except 80 and 30 meter. Focus will be 160 and 40 meter. QSL via F4BKV, bureau or direct, Club Log, LoTW. https://xw4dx.f4bkv.net/

YJ, VANUATU A team with NC7M (YJOTT), K6VHF (YJONA), W6UC (YJOUC) and NG7E (YJOET) will be ORV from Port Vila from October 26 until November 3. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME. <a href="https://www.dxobsessed.org/">https://www.dxobsessed.org/</a>

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15. YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. https://www.grz.com/db/YN5AO

**ZC4**, **CYPRUS SBA** Dates still to be firmed up, however Martin MW0BRO will be active from Cyprus Sovereign Base Area as ZC4GW next March or April. Martin's main mode of operation is CW. OSL via home call.

ZD7, ST HELENA Chris HB9FIY will once again be active as ZD7CA for a few weeks in December 2023 / January 2024. He asks what are the most wanted bands /modes from ZD7. QSL via

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** A team with JF1OCQ, JA1SVP and JE1SYN will be active as ZL7A during

November 9-22. Active from 160 to 6 meter + SAT IO-117 (430mHz). Equipment: 3 x transceivers, verticals and dipoles for HF. 4 element beam for 50mHz. Modes: SSB, CW, FT (F/H, MSHV), FM. QSL via JF10CQ (direct).

**ZL7, CHATHAM ISL** Jacek, SP5EAQ is planning an one man operation as ZL7/call starting on October 20 for 2 weeks. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB only. Jacek mentions that any support from organizations and individuals would be greatly appreciated as travel costs have reached an exorbitant level. He also asks you direct any questions to his email address listed on QRZ.com. The QTH in Waitangi (ZL7) has already been secured. <a href="http://chathams.sp7dqr.pl/">http://chathams.sp7dqr.pl/</a>

## IOTA

### THE REMINDERS

#### **ASIA**

**AS-107 Samet Isl** E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-057 Roatan Isl** Yuri, VE3DZ will be QRV as HQ9A between October 19 and October 31. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Outside the contest Yuri will be on HF all bands using CW, SSB and digi. OSL via home call, Club Log OORS.

#### **OCEANIA**

**OC-011 Chuuk Isl** A team with DL2AWG, DK2AMM, DL2AMD and DF4GV will be active from Chuuk Isl OC-011 as V6EU between November 15 and November 28. Activity from 160 to 10 meter with perhaps 60 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via DL2AWG, Club Log, LoTW.

#### OC-155 Polap Atoll OC-299 Satawal Atoll

Cezar, VE3LYC will be active as V62P from Pulap Atoll (OC-155) from 25 October to 2 November, and as V62S from Satawal Atoll (OC-299) on 4-10 November. Johan, PA3EXX will be the pilot station: Cezar will be unable to check his personal email account, so "those who wish to make a report or inform me of various issues" should send their messages to willemsen[@]multiweb.nl. Donations to help offset the costs of this complex and expensive project are gratefully accepted: <a href="https://v6iota.weebly.com/">https://v6iota.weebly.com/</a>

**OC-186 Maniawakan Isl** Gianpi, IK1TTD will be operating in 'holiday-style' as YB2/call between October 8 and October 22. Operation mainly on 20 meter. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. <a href="http://www.ik1ttd.it/2023/09/it-is-time-to-travel-again.html">http://www.ik1ttd.it/2023/09/it-is-time-to-travel-again.html</a>

# **Special calls**

### THE NEWCOMERS

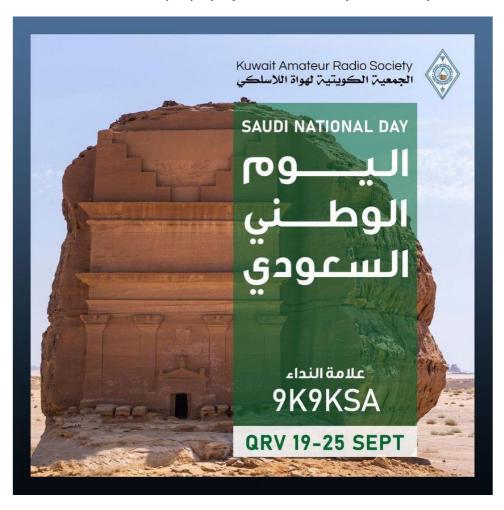
**4X, ISRAEL** Special stations **4X01G** from Beit Zeida (Holyland Square O05HG), **4X02G** from Daliyot Forest (Holyland Square P05HG), **4X03G** from Rujm el-Hiri (Holyland Square O04HG) and **4X04G** from Juhader Stream (Holyland Square Q05HG) will be active on 22-23 September. (TNX 425DX) <a href="https://www.iarc.org/golan/">https://www.iarc.org/golan/</a>

**A6, UAE** Taking part in the celebrations of Saudi National Day (23 September), the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign **A60ARS** on 17-23 September. QSL via EA7FTR. Individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign, and be QRV as **A60ARS/0**, **A60ARS/1**, etc. (see qrz.com for the QSL routes). (TNX 425DX)

A9, BAHRAIN Also taking part in the celebrations of Saudi National Day, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society will operate special callsign A91ARS on 17-23 September. QSL via EC6DX. HZ, SAUDI ARABIA HZ93ND, 7Z93ND and 8Z93ND are the special callsigns for the Saudi Amateur Radio Society (HZ1SAR) to celebrate Saudi National Day on 10-25 September. The logs will be uploaded to Club Log. See qrz.com for more information. Based on the number of lunar years, Saudi National Day commemorates the renaming of the Kingdom of Nejd and Hejaz to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (23 September 1932). Other national societies of Gulf Cooperation Council's neighbouring countries that might join the celebrations include the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society as 9K9KSA (QSL via EC6DX), and the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society as A43KSA (QSL via EC6DX). (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Pordenone and ARI Belluno will be active as II3RDV on 1-31 October.

The special callsign memorializes the 60th anniversary of the Vajont Dam disaster (9 October 1963, when a massive landslide plunged into the reservoir, causing a 250-metre high megatsunami that killed some 2000 people). QSL via IV3EHH. (TNX 425DX)



### THE REMINDERS

**9A, CROATIA 9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Special event callsign **DM23BUGA** is active <u>until October 8</u>. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. The suffix stands for "Bundesgartenschau", the biennial horticulture show and festival that this year will take place in Mannheim. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Radio amateurs from Rostock celebrate the 125th anniversary of the lighthouse Warnemuende with the callsign **DQ125LH** (special DOK 125LH) <u>until the end of October</u>. QSL via bureau, direct, DCL, eQSL. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DR45HAAN** is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary <u>until September 30</u>. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg <u>in 2023</u>. QSL via bureau or direct to DM6RAC. (TNX DXNL)

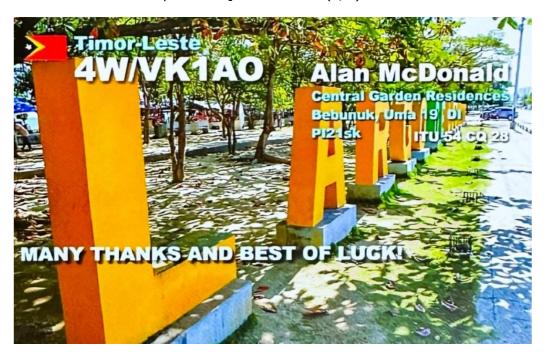
**DL, GERMANY** DARC Team SES will be active as **DL110RG** from 1 September to 31 December for the 100th anniversary of the German Life Saving Association (Deutsche Lebens-Rettungs-Gesellschaft, the largest voluntary water rescue organization in the world), and as DL75BRD from 1 September to 30 June 2024 for the 75th anniversary since the Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany (Grundgesetz fuer die Bundesrepublik Deutschland) came into effect (23 May 1949). All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; direct cards via DL2VFR. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX) **EI, IRELAND** Between 1 September and 31 August 2024 **EI4FOTA** will be active from all around Ireland - including SOTA and POTA locations, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, lighthouses and IOTA

islands. Apparently the first operation will be on 17-24 September from the Giant's Causeway - which is in Northern Ireland (GI), though; then on 5-15 October from the Blasket Islands (EU-007). (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Special callsigns to be active at various times during the 2023 Rugby World Cup hosted by France <u>from 8 September to 28 October</u> include **TM23RBY** (QSL via F8EFU and LoTW), **TM23RUGB** (QSL via F5KHG), and **TM63RWC** (QSL via F4KLW). (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Franck, F4DTO, and Pattrick, F4GFE, mark the 350th anniversary of D'Artagnan's death with the callisgn **TM350DA** <u>until the end of September</u>. An award is also available: Bronze = QSOs on 3 bands, Silver = QSOs on 4 bands, Gold = QSOs on 5 bands, Platinum = QSOs on 6 bands For more information see qrz.com. QSL via F4GFE (d/B).



**I, ITALY** Celebrating the centenary of the National Park of Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise, special callsign **II6PN** will be in use <u>between 1 August and 31 October</u>, with main activity expected to take place on 1-17 September. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL, or via IK6IHU. A certificate will be available. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY IL3P** is a special callsign to be used <u>between 1 July and 30 September</u> from various locations in the Italian region of Veneto. On 28- 31 July team IL3P will be active from Pellestrina Island (EU-131), including participation in the IOTA Contest. QSL via IU3EDK, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

<u>September</u>: **II4CGD**; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)

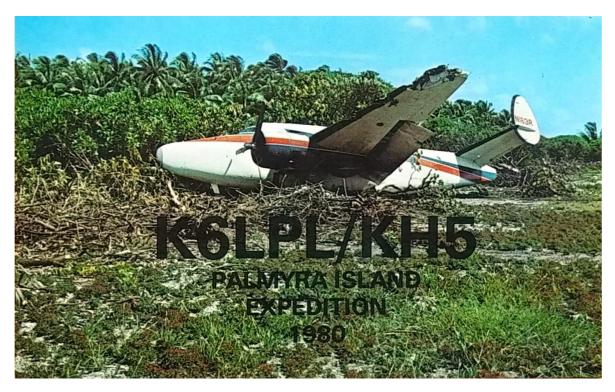
October: **II4SML**; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931) November: **II4CLT**; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)

<u>December</u>: **II4CDV**; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931) For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available.(TNX DXNL)

LA, NORWAY LA100K is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX) LX, LUXEMBOURG LX90RTL is a special callsign celebrating the 90th anniversary since Radio Luxembourg made its first long wave broadcast. It will be used by various LX operators from 1 July <u>until the end of the year</u>. Look for activity on the HF bands SSB, CW and digital modes, as well as via satellite. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the DARC bureau; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log, LoTW and eQSL on a regular basis. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns <u>during 2023</u> to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <a href="https://www.lz1kcp.com/">https://www.lz1kcp.com/</a>. (TNX 425DX)

- **OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU** is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary <u>during 2023</u>. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)
- **ON, BELGIUM** Members of the ONZ Oostkust Radioclub (ON6HC) will be active as **OP10KF** on 1-30 September to celebrate the 10th anniversary since Filip (Philippe), King of the Belgians, accessed the throne. QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)
- **ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL** is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary <a href="mailto:throughout 2023">throughout 2023</a>. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <a href="https://hamlog.online/club/rcl/713">https://hamlog.online/club/rcl/713</a> (TNX 425DX)
- **ON, BELGIUM OO35ATH** is the special call to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Radio Club de Ath (ATH). Active <u>during September</u>. (TNX OR4K)
- **OZ, DENMARK** FRA and EDR are celebrating the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of HRH Prince Christian on 15 October 2023. On this occasion, there will be activity with three SES one from each of the three countries in the Kingdom of Denmark; **OX18CHR OY18CHR OZ18CHR**. The activity takes place from October 9 at 00:00 UTC to October 15 at 23:59 UTC on all amateur radio bands. There will be diplomas and plaques for the most active hunters. Special QSL card may be requested via Clublog OQRS to be sent via bureau or direct.
- PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign PA85TP <u>during 2023</u> and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call PA30SPARC. An award for QSOs with these callsns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (<u>pd5enj@msn.com</u>). (TNX DXNL) SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary <u>throughout 2023</u>. More information can be found on https://www.sk5aa.se/. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)
- **SV, GREECE** The Salamis Radio Amateurs Group will be active as **SX480SNB** on 16-30 September. QSL via LoTW. The special callsign commemorates the anniversary of the naval Battle of Salamis, fought in 480 BC be-tween an alliance of Greek city-states under Themistocles, and the Persian Empire under Xerxes the Great. (TNX 425DX)
- **TA, TURKEY** Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100, TC100TA, TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)
- **TI, COSTA RICA** Special callsign **TI70RC** will be active on 1-30 September to cele brate the 70th anniversary of the Radio Club de Costa Rica (TI0RC), founded on 29 September 1953. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)
- **VK, AUSTRALIA** Operated by a number of YL operators in Tasmania (VK7) and around the rest of Australia, special callsign **VI7ALARA** is active on the HF bands <u>until 8 November</u> to mark the Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association's meet (http://www.alara.org.au/) to be held in Hobart. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)
- VK, AUSTRALIA VK100ZL celebrates the first trans-Tasmanian radio contact between New Zealand and Australia in 1923. QRV <u>until the end of 2023</u>.
- **VK, AUSTRALIA VI100MB** is the special callsign for the Manly-Warringah Radio Society (VK2MB) to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its formation. Look for activity until <u>25 February 2024</u>. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)
- **VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G** is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)
- **VK, AUSTRALIA VI10VKFF** is the special callsign celebrating the 10th anniversary of the World Wide Flora & Fauna (WWFF) programme in Australia (https://www.wwffaustralia.com/). It will be used from Australian Parks <u>until end 2023</u>. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via VK5PAS (direct or bureau). (TNX 425DX)
- **XE, MEXICO 6E0G** is a special event callsign that puts Ghost Towns on the Air <u>until Dec. 17</u>. QSL via XE1EE, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)
- **YU, SERBIA** The Serbian Amateur Radio Union in the Vojvodina celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **YU75SRV** throughout 2023. QSL via Club Log, eQSL, qrz.com.



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